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SUBJECT: AMCITS IN RHODESIAN MILITARY

1. AUGUST 23 JOHANNESBURG STAR CARRIED PICTURE OF AND ARTICLE
RE STEPHEN DREVITTS, AMCIT, WHO RECENTLY ARRIVED IN CITY AFTER
GOING AWAOL FROM RHODESIAN ARMY.

2. DREVITTS ESTIMATES THERE ABOUT ONE THOUSAND AMCITS FIGHTING
IN RHODESIA, AND THAT MANY OF THESE BECOMING "BORED AND
DISILLUSIONED" WITH BUSH WAR DUE TO LACK OF ACTION. ACCORDING
TO DREVITTS, FIVE PERCENT OF THESE HAVE DESERTED. DREVITTS DOES
NOT THINK THE TERM MERCENARY IS AN APPROPRIATE LABEL FOR
AMERICANS FIGHTING IN RHODESIA BECAUSE "NO ONE COULD GET RICH
ON WHAT THE RHODESIANS PAY." HE STATES THAT MOST ARE "LOOKING
FOR ADVENTURE AND STOPPING THE MARCH OF COMMUNISM AT THE SAME
TIME."

3. COMMENT: DREVITTS' STATEMENTS ABOUT BOREDOM, DISILLUSION-
MENT, AND DESERTION ARE NO DOUBT TRUE, AS INCREASING NUMBER
OF DESERTERS BEGINNING TO SHOW UP HERE. OF PRIMARY CONCERN
TO POST IS POTENTIAL WELFARE PROBLEMS THEY MIGHT PRESENT
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